



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 896

January Session, 2013



AN ACT CONCERNING A HOMELESS PERSON'S BILL OF RIGHTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) (a) There is created a
2 Homeless Person's Bill of Rights to guarantee that the rights, privacy
3 and property of homeless persons are adequately safeguarded and
4 protected under the laws of this state. The rights afforded homeless
5 persons to ensure that their person, privacy and property are
6 safeguarded and protected, as set forth in subsection (b) of this section,
7 are available only insofar as they are implemented in accordance with
8 other parts of the general statutes, state rules and regulations, federal
9 law, the state Constitution and the United States Constitution. For
10 purposes of this section, "homeless person" means any person who
11 does not have a fixed or regular residence and who may live on the
12 street or outdoors, or in a homeless shelter or another temporary
13 residence.

14 (b) Each homeless person in this state has the right to:

15 (1) Move freely in public spaces, including on public sidewalks, in
16 public parks, on public transportation and in public buildings without
17 harassment or intimidation from law enforcement officers in the same
18 manner as other persons;

19 (2) Have equal opportunities for employment;

- 20 (3) Receive emergency medical care;
- 21 (4) Register to vote and to vote;
- 22 (5) Have personal information protected;
- 23 (6) Have a reasonable expectation of privacy in his or her personal
24 property; and
- 25 (7) Receive equal treatment by state and municipal agencies.
- 26 (c) Each municipality shall conspicuously post in the usual location
27 for municipal notices a notice entitled "HOMELESS PERSON'S BILL
28 OF RIGHTS" that contains the text set forth in subsection (b) of this
29 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2013	New section

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

PD *Joint Favorable*